

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING:

Educational Programs & Operations Levy — Safety, Security & Information Technology Levy



ELECTION: FEBRUARY 10, 2026



KSD'S MISSION & VISION

MISSION

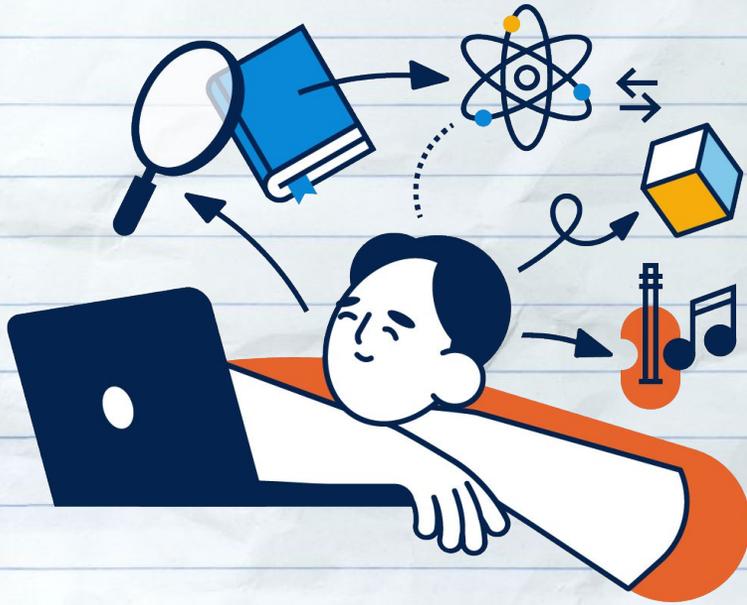
- To provide a safe environment in which all students reach their highest potential and graduate well prepared for success in post-secondary education work and life.

VISION

- All KSD students are known well, safe and destined to reach their highest potential.

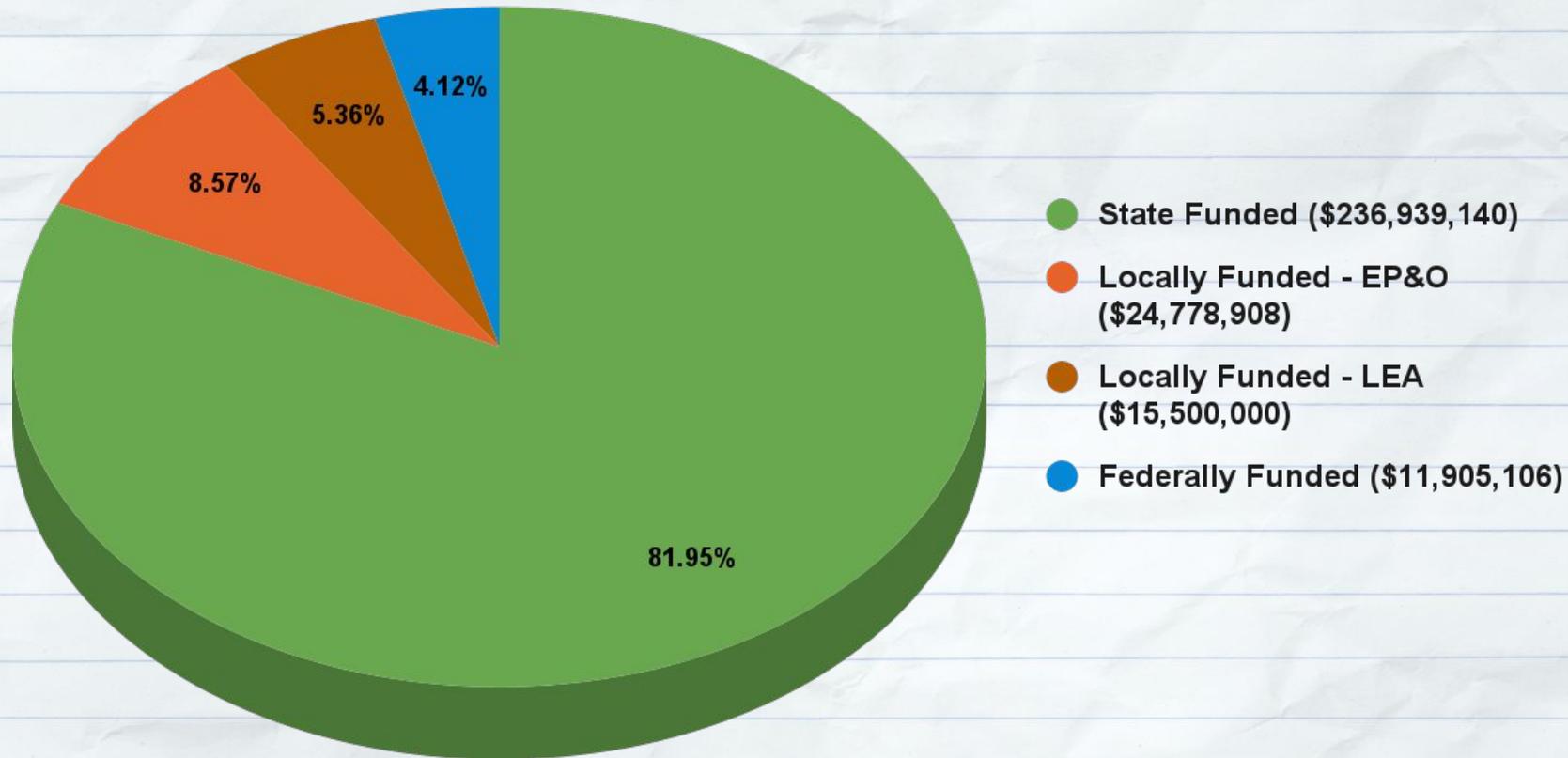


ABOUT LEVIES

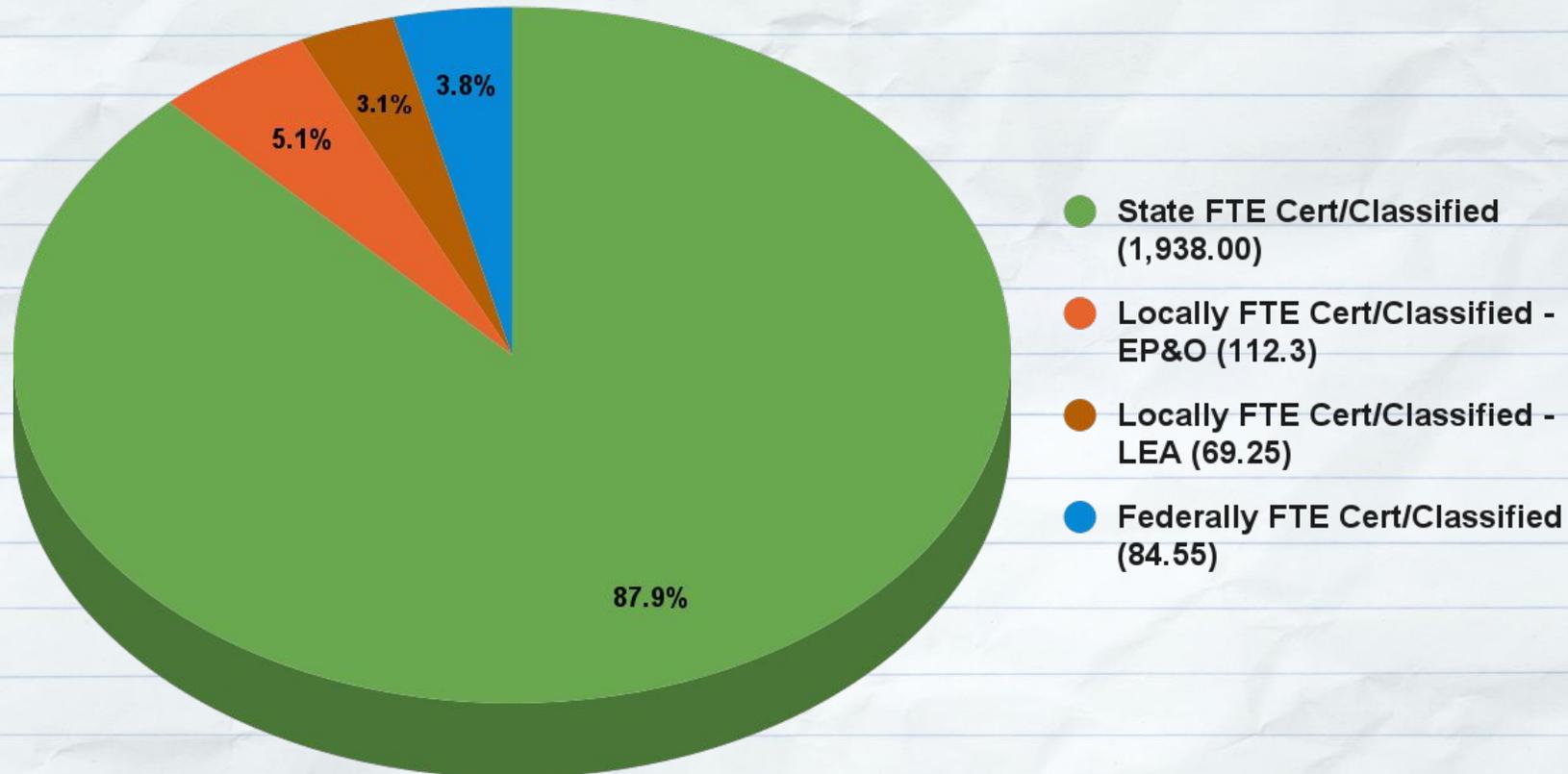


- Bridge the gap in state funding by delivering critical local support for schools
- Invest directly in student success, safety and expanded learning opportunities
- Ensure the district qualifies for important state Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funds

KSD 2025/26 Budgeted Staffing Funding



KSD 2025/26 Budgeted FTE Cert/Classified





BALLOT MEASURE #1: Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs & Operations Levy

Maintains **STUDENT SUPPORTS, OPPORTUNITIES**
and **SAFETY** for four years.

BALLOT MEASURE #1

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs & Operations Levy

STUDENT SUPPORTS

- Graduation Success Coordinators
- Special Education Support
- Professional Development & Training
- Librarians
- Substitute Teachers
- Secretaries
- Paraeducators
- Classified Substitutes
- Curriculum
- School Nurses
- School Psychologists



BALLOT MEASURE #1

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs & Operations Levy

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **College Credits:** Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, College in the High School
- Choice Schools
- Dual Language
- Co-curricular Activities
- Athletics and Extracurricular Activities
- Coaches
- Advisors

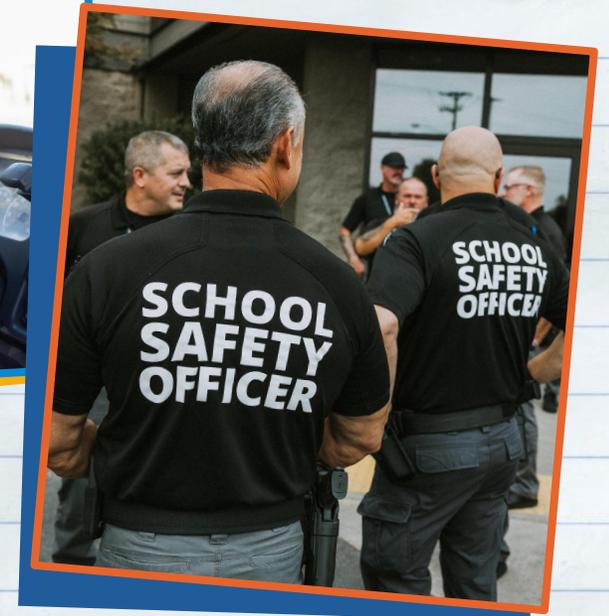
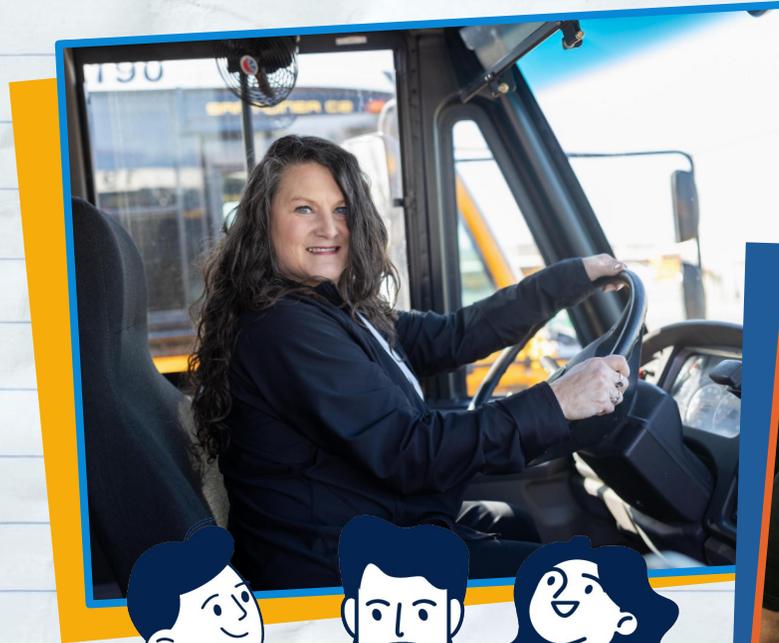


BALLOT MEASURE #1

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs & Operations Levy

STUDENT SAFETY

- School Resource Officers
- School Safety Officers
- Security Staff
- Drug & Alcohol Prevention
- Crosswalk Safety
- Custodians
- Grounds & Maintenance Workers
- Transportation



BALLOT MEASURE #1

Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs & Operations Levy

- **2027** - \$29,500,000
Estimated levy rate of \$1.71 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- **2028** - \$31,500,000
Estimated levy rate of \$1.74 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- **2029** - \$33,000,000
Estimated levy rate of \$1.73 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- **2030** - \$34,500,000
Estimated levy rate of \$1.74 per \$1,000 of assessed property value



BALLOT MEASURE #2

Replacement of Expiring Safety, Security & Information Technology Levy

**Maintains STUDENT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY,
while providing new SAFETY AND SECURITY
ENHANCEMENTS to facilities for four years.**

BALLOT MEASURE #2

Replacement of Expiring Safety, Security & Information Technology Levy

STUDENT SAFETY, SECURITY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- **NEW** Safety and Security Upgrades and Enhancements
- **Information Technology:** Cyber Security, Online Safety, Classroom Instruction Technology, Network Infrastructure Improvements, Maintain and Replace Aging Technology



BALLOT MEASURE #2

Replacement of Expiring Safety, Security & Information Technology Levy

- **2027** - \$8,500,000 | Estimated levy rate of \$.50
- **2028** - \$10,200,000 | Estimated levy rate of \$.56
- **2029** - \$11,400,000 | Estimated levy rate of \$.60
- **2030** - \$12,000,000 | Estimated levy rate of \$.61



Local School Tax Rates

The total combined estimated tax rate is expected to remain steady over the next four years.

Year	Educational Programs & Operations Levy	Capital Safety, Security & Information Technology Levy	Capital Projects Bond (Debt Service)	Total Combined Rate
2025	\$1.51	\$0.30	\$1.21	\$3.02
2026	\$1.50*	\$0.30*	\$0.86*	\$2.66*
2027	\$1.71*	\$0.50*	\$0.79*	\$3.00*
2028	\$1.74*	\$0.56*	\$0.70*	\$3.00*
2029	\$1.73*	\$0.60*	\$0.66*	\$2.99*
2030	\$1.74*	\$0.61*	\$0.65*	\$3.00*

**Estimated rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value.*

How KSD Compares

Tax rate compares rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

	2025/26 Levy \$ Per Student FTE	2025 FY EP&O Tax Rate	2025 FY Tech/Cap Levy Tax Rate	2025 FY Debt Service Tax Rate	2025 FY Total Tax Rate (not including state taxes)
Kennewick	\$1,299	\$1.51	\$0.30	\$1.21	\$3.02
Richland	\$2,348	\$2.10	\$0.68	\$1.17	\$3.95
Pasco	\$1,758	\$1.90	—	\$2.02	\$3.92

Source:

<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/data-reporting/data-displays-and-maps/local-levy-funding-map>

LOCAL EFFORT ASSISTANCE (LEA) FUNDING & HOW IT WORKS

When voters approve the Educational Programs & Operations Levy, Kennewick School District becomes eligible for state Local Effort Assistance (LEA) funds.



That brings in an extra \$16.5 million each year, totaling \$66.0 million in additional state support over four years.

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

**BALLOTS
MAILED
JANUARY 21**

—
Mail-in ballots must
be postmarked
by February 10.

DROP BOXES

Kennewick City Hall

524 S. Auburn Street, Kennewick
(Directly across from the post office)

Benton County Campus

7122 W. Okanogan Place, Kennewick

Benton County Elections Center (Walk-In)

7122 W. Okanogan Place, Building F

TAX RELIEF

**Senior citizens and disabled individuals
may qualify for tax relief.**

For more information, contact Benton County
Assessor's Office at (509) 786-2046.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

- You must be a **U.S. citizen**.
- You must be a **resident of Washington state**.
- You must be at least **18 years old by Election Day**.
- You must be **registered to vote**. Register at **vote.gov**
- You must not be disqualified from voting

If you meet those criteria — and **your registered address lies within the Kennewick School District boundaries** — you can vote in its school board elections (or in any district-wide school ballots, like levies).

MORE INFORMATION

WWW.KSDLEVYVOTE.ORG



HOW ARE SCHOOLS FUNDED?

FAQ

The primary sources of school funding for Washington's public schools come from state and federal grants, state funding and local community funding measures (levies and bonds). Levies fill the gap between state funds and the real cost of providing the services that help students grow and thrive.



School levies help pay for the programs, services and staff that the state does not fund or fully fund under “basic education.” School levies fill the gap between state funding and the district’s operating costs

WHY ARE BOTH LEVIES CALLED “REPLACEMENT” LEVIES?

Both measures on the February 2026 ballot are replacing existing levies previously approved by voters which expire at the end of 2026. These are not new levies.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO LEVIES?

Each levy has a dedicated purpose. The **EP&O Levy** pays for educational programs and services such as athletics, extracurricular activities and clubs, support staff, student safety staff and programs and much more. The **Safety, Security and Information Technology Levy** pays for safety, security and information technology, such as student access to technology and safety and security enhancements to our facilities.

WHAT ARE “STATE MATCH DOLLARS”?

Local Effort Assistance dollars (LEA), are contingent on enrollment and the voter approved levy rate. If the EP&O levy is approved, the current LEA match rate is projected to be an additional \$66 million from the state.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL PROPOSED COLLECTION AMOUNT?

The total proposed collection amount over four years is \$128.5 million for the EP&O Levy and \$42.1 million for the Technology Levy.

HOW ARE ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULARS FUNDED?

FAQ

Many extracurricular student opportunities are funded entirely by the EP&O levy. The state does not provide funding for athletics or extracurricular activities. The levy pays for these programs in Kennewick schools, including funding for coaches, advisors and transportation to events.



IF PROPERTY VALUES GO UP, DO SCHOOLS GET MORE FUNDING?

FAQ

No. Levies are a total amount to be collected, not a tax rate. Kennewick School District can only collect the total collection amount approved by voters and no more.

HOW MUCH OF THE DISTRICT'S BUDGET COMES FROM THE EP&O LEVY?

Local levy dollars, combined with the state matching funds, account for approximately 13% of Kennewick School District's annual budget.

IS THERE A LIMIT ON THE \$ AMOUNT A DISTRICT MAY PROPOSE FOR A LEVY?

FAQ

Yes. This maximum dollar amount is known as the “levy lid.” As part of the changes the Legislature made to the way the state funds education in Washington, also known as the “McCleary decision,” levy rates are capped at \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. A levy may not collect more than \$2,500 per student maximum, a dollar threshold which is adjusted annually based on inflation.



WHY SHOULD LEVIES MATTER TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN IN KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT?

FAQ

Great schools benefit everyone, whether or not you have school-aged children attending. Our schools are an investment supported by past tax dollars and benefit the entire community both directly and indirectly.

IS THERE A TAX BREAK FOR SENIOR CITIZENS?

Yes! Washington State law provides two tax benefit programs for senior citizens and individuals who are disabled: property tax exemptions and property tax deferrals. For more information on qualifications, please contact the Benton County Assessor's office at (509) 786-5620.